

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**IN RE: UNITED TELEPHONE-SOUTHEAST, INC. - APPLICATION FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE & NECESSITY TO
PROVIDE INTERLATA INTEREXCHANGE TELEPHONE SERVICE.**

DOCKET NO. 96-01235

ORDER

This matter is before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") upon the filing of the intraLATA toll dialing parity plan by UTSE on November 26, 1996, as ordered in the above captioned matter.

AT&T was granted intervention in this matter on September 10, 1996. On February 7, 1997, AT&T filed an objection to the cost recovery component of UTSE's toll dialing parity plan. In its objection, AT&T stated that the issue of costs associated with dialing parity was not addressed in the previous proceeding. This includes the verification of the incremental costs submitted by UTSE, the cost recovery presented in the plan (who pays for the costs of implementation), and the calculation of intraLATA minutes of use used in the recovery of costs. AT&T requested that the Authority address the issue of costs and associated recovery prior to approving the cost recovery component of United's dialing parity plan.

The Staff requested that a pre-hearing conference be scheduled to provide a statement of the issues, establish a discovery schedule and hearing date, and to consider other pre-hearing matters as appropriate.

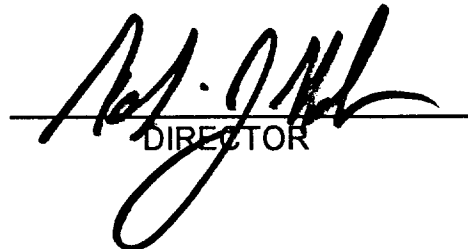
Furthermore, the Directors appointed Director Melvin J. Malone to act as hearing officer.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. A prehearing conference in this matter shall be set for the purpose of determining a statement of issues, establishing a discovery schedule and hearing date, and to consider other prehearing matters as may be appropriate;
2. Director Melvin J. Malone shall serve as hearing officer;
3. Any party aggrieved with the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within ten (10) days from and after the date of this Order; and
4. Any party aggrieved with the Authority's decision in this matter has the right of judicial review by filing a Petition for Review in the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Middle Section, within sixty (60) days from and after the date of this Order.


CHAIRMAN


DIRECTOR


DIRECTOR

ATTEST:


EXECUTIVE SECRETARY